

irony, received the oath of office from Chief Justice Marshall, a man whose, political principles he held in the deepest detestation. Adams, it was well known, had thrown away all courtesy toward his successor and had raised Marshall to his new dignity after Jefferson's election, with the unconcealed purpose of checking, in one department of government at least, the overwhelming tide of Jeffersonianism. Marshall had accepted the appointment with as little scruple as it was tendered, and thus was begun a conflict which was to survive the last trace of Federalism and outlive even that particular form of Jeffersonianism which Marshall was appointed to oppose.

The President selected as his Cabinet James Madison of Virginia, Secretary of State; Albert Gallatin of Pennsylvania, Secretary of the Treasury; Henry Dearborn of Massachusetts, Secretary of War; Levi Lincoln of Massachusetts, Attorney General; Robert Smith of Maryland, Secretary of the Navy. Gideon Granger of Connecticut was appointed Postmaster General late in the year. In the selection of these men Jefferson showed great skill and prudence. It was an able and responsible body. With the exception of Madison, they represented those States which were wavering in their allegiance to Federalism, and which he thought could be won to the Republican standard. Each was chosen on the ground of peculiar fitness. In the appointment of Gallatin, personal considerations reinforced Jefferson's appreciation of his ability. Gallatin had suffered much misrepresentation for his connection with the Whisky Rebellion. In Jefferson's opinion the Alien Act had been aimed at him as the most eminent citizen of foreign birth distasteful to the Federalists. His appointment was, therefore, in the nature of a reward for persecution.

During the first months of his administration Jefferson was kept busy answering congratulatory letters, from individuals and associations in all parts of the country. It was a task to which he addressed himself with undisguised pleasure, for it afforded him an opportunity to show his thorough-going democracy. His answers were reproductions, in little of his Inaugural Address. He was never weary of repeating his con-